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Fellow PVS'ers

For those of you who missed the annual meeting, the election results are in: David Abraham now is an elected PVS vice president (he was appointed before when I became President), and Dottie Villers, John Brunelli, and Ray McKinley are new members of Excom. Congratulations to David, Dottie, John and Ray and welcome to the PVS leadership ranks. I also would like to acknowledge those candidates for PVS office who came forward to compete in this election: Joan Flake, Charlie Huggins, Shirley Rettig, Jack Peoples, and Wilma Sharer. The table following has the specific voting results.

Special thanks for a successful election go to Mike Strand and David Abraham. Mike was responsible for the bylaws change that enabled broad participation and David developed the election procedures.

I want to thank the following outgoing officers for their dedicated service to PVS:

- Outgoing Excom members Gene Sharer, Margaret Wyckoff, and Joan Flake
- Outgoing Membership chairperson Marilyn Clark
- Outgoing Ski Trip Committee chairperson Barbara Leonhardt

Finally, I wish to thank the PVS membership at large for your participation in this election; an overwhelming majority of you (91%) made the effort to cast your vote. I also appreciate your vote of confidence as expressed by the election results.

Reg.

MONTHLY MEETING - JUNE 17, 2003

HOME OF WILMA AND GENE SHARER

12404 Beall Spring Road

Potomac, MD 20854

301-975-9411

Directions to the Sharer home: Take River Road from the Beltway through Potomac Village and continue West for five miles to Beall Spring Road on the right. We are the sixth house on the left and the house is painted blue. Or, take Travilah Road or Dufief Mill Road West to River Road and turn left on River Road. The next street on the left is Beall Spring Road and then look for the blue house on the left.

	<p><i>BICYCLING GOURMET</i> Calvert County Riviera Wednesday, June 18, 2003 11:00 AM Starting Point: Chesapeake Beach, MD</p>	
<p>Starting Point: Chesapeake Beach, MD X only 30 miles from Beltway. Take Beltway exit 11A (Upper Marlboro), which places you on Rte. 4 south. Stay on Rte. 4 for 20 miles (past Upper Marlboro) and you will see signs for Chesapeake Beach that will direct you to turn left on Rte. 260. Follow Rte. 260 to the end (about 10 miles). When you reach the end, take a right turn on Rte. 261 south (sign to Railway Museum). Proceed south only one half mile on Rte. 261 and turn left at the first traffic light (sign to Railway Museum) and park in the big lot for the Rod >N Reel restaurant on the left. Leaders will arrive by 10:30 AM; coffee and rest room available in adjacent tackle shop (rest rooms in restaurant may also be open).</p> <p>Route: Route is on road (primarily one road-- Rte. 261), but traffic is light and drivers are polite. Ride will proceed north on Rte. 261 with short detour to use 2 mile of the North Beach boardwalk bike path. Remainder of route passes by a number of marinas with water views. Round trip 20 miles. Lunch at 1:30 PM at the Rod >N Reel restaurant (with waterfront view) on return.</p> <p>Historic Note: At the turn of the century, a short line railroad from the DC area to Chesapeake Beach initiated operation and lasted until 1935. Photos and memorabilia from the days of the railroad and beach resort (inspired by the French Riviera) are on display at the museum, which is in the restored railway station (adjacent to the Rod >N Reel), from 1-4 PM.</p> <p>Leaders: Marvin Hass (703) 751-4738 and Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048.</p> <p>Note: Starting time listed above is when cyclists actually depart; please arrive earlier to allow sufficient time to set up your equipment. Latecomers: Leader will leave map on rear window wiper of Chrysler minivan. Route starts out flat and then becomes rolling after a few miles, mostly on Rte. 261.</p> <p>Next ride: Wednesday, July 16, 2003 C&O Canal Towpath- Great Falls (MD) to Seneca</p>		

Another Ski Trip Approved

The PVS Ski Trip Committee and the ExCom approved a new ski trip for next season -- this one to Copper Mountain, Colorado, December 6-13. Dottie Villers will be leading this great value trip and her announcement is included in this issue of TOOT.

2003 ELECTION RESULTS

Slightly more than 91% of eligible members participated in this year's election of officers and ExCom members/ Following are the vote counts for each of the candidates.

PRESIDENT

Reg Heitchue 165

VICE PRESIDENT

David Abraham 134

Joan Flake 35

EXCOM

John Brunelli 147

Charles Huggins 27

Dottie Villers 140

Jack Peoples 20

Ray McKinley 131

Shirley Rettig 19

Wilma Shorer 15

We wish to thank all who participated in conducting this first ballot-based election, in particular our vote counters, Margaret Wyckoff and Ray Jones, and Dottie Villers, our ballot custodian.



May 27, 2003

President and Executive Committee
Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc.
c/o Dottie Villers, Secretary

Dear friends:

As you know, I was elected the Club's Vice President at our May 20, 2003 election. Hitherto and since the passing of our late President, Ned Flaherty, I was your appointed Vice President. Last year I was elected to a two-year term on ExCom, of which I recently completed the first year.

Although there is no prohibition against any Club member holding both an ExCom membership and a Vice Presidency - in fact, there's ample precedence for this - I have resolved to relinquish my ExCom membership.

Accordingly, please accept this note as my resignation from ExCom, effective contemporaneously with the appointment of my successor. It has been a privilege to serve the Club as an ExCom member and I look forward to continuing in a leadership role as your VP.

Respectfully,

David G. Abraham



SKI TRIPS – 2003 – 2004

Copper Mountain, Dec. 6-13, 2003	Leader: Dottie Villers
Snowmass, Jan. 15-22, 2004	Leaders: Wilma & Gene Sharer
Steamboat, Jan 22-29, 2004	Leaders: David Lerner & Sally Finan
Cortina (with add-ons to Venice and Vienna) Feb. 25-March 10, 2004	Leaders: Glade Flake & John Smith
Spain & Morocco, Feb. 13-29, 2004	Leaders: Nancy & Ray McKinley

**Copper Mountain
(New Trip)**

December 6-13, 2003

Here's your chance to get the jump on everyone (well, maybe not literally) and get in some early season skiing at one of the best places in Colorado for early season snow. We have an exceptionally good package price available for this trip, which includes

- Roundtrip air, Dulles-Denver, nonstop United Airlines
- 7 nights' lodging in 2BR condominiums (4 people per condo) near the slopes
- 5 days' lift tickets
- Welcome wine and cheese party
- Roundtrip charter bus transportation to/from the airport to Copper Mountain
- 2 group dinners
- 4 apres-ski parties
- Pre-trip and post-trip parties

All of this is available for under \$1000! (Approximately \$983.) Land only prices will be available. This price is contingent on having 18-20 people on the trip, so if you are interested, please contact trip leader Dottie Villers at (703) 620-6402 or email to dvillers@erols.com.

Please send a \$200.00 deposit to: Dottie Villers, 2217K Lovedale Lane, Reston, VA 20191. The deposit is fully refundable until August 1.

STEAMBOAT - JAN. 22-29, 2004



PVS will be doing a prime-time trip to Steamboat on Jan 22-29 2004. We will stay at the Sheraton and fly via Eagle-Vail airport, or possibly Steamboat-Hayden airport. Cost will be approximately \$1720 for those under 65. Deduct \$28 for those 65-69, \$128 for those over 70. The trip includes airfare, hotel rooms, ground transfers, and a 5 of 6 day lift ticket. There are also 3 group dinners and after ski parties. The optional full breakfast package is an additional \$112, including tips and tax. The single supplement is \$699. Deductions for land only and the deductions for people joining us from the Snowmass trip are not yet determined.

A deposit of \$200 should be send to David Lerner, 1809 Midlothian Ct., Vienna, VA 22182. The deposit is fully refundable until August 1. David Lerner and Sally Finan are your trip leaders. The airport and schedule are arranged to permit a back to back trip with the Snowmass trip. Separate deposits are required for each trip. Call Dave at 703-281-6923 or Sally at 703-716-9023 for more information.

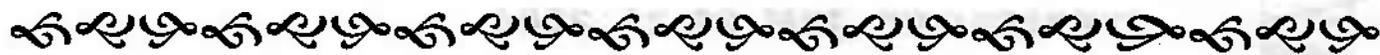
SNOWMASS 2004

Join us for another rousing year at the favorite PVS ski vacation site January 15th through the 22nd. We have arranged to stay again at the slopeside Mountain Chalet and are to be welcomed back with all of the fine features that you have been accustomed to with Barbara and Fred Leonhardt in prior years.

We fly United Airlines directly into Aspen which is a very short distance from the Chalet with baggage service directly to the hotel; five-day lift ticket; no-ski package available and a discount of approximately \$45 for seniors 70 and over will apply, and a "land only" option is available for those wishing to arrange their own flight schedule. The price is anticipated to be approximately \$1,729 per person, double occupancy pending final airline costs. You can proceed on to join the Steamboat trip

We will have group dinners, après ski events, a welcoming wine and cheese party, pre- and post-trip parties, airline baggage restriction instructions at the pre-trip party, and a surprise event that only those making the trip will know and be able to tell about.

Call Wilma at 301-975-9411 or email Wilma@sharerassociates.com to make your reservation. A few spaces are still available.



A Once in a Lifetime Chance—February 13-29, 2004; join Nancy and Ray McKinley to Ski and See

Spain and Morocco

A fabulous 16-day, 2-continent Ski and See tour. Or you can do just a single continent for 1 week. 4 and 5 * Luxury Hotels throughout. Fly from Dulles to Malaga, Spain. Ski at *Sierra Nevada*, near Granada, a huge, 6000-acre, 4300-ft vertical ski resort topping out at 10,800 feet. We'll stay and spend time in Granada, home of the *Alhambra*. Non-skiers will be busy touring to a number of exciting locales, perhaps including historic Seville, Almeria and dramatic Ronda. All will have time at beautiful Torremelinos on the *Costa del Sol*.

Second week: tour to Gibraltar and on to exotic Morocco. We will spend a night in Tangier, a night in fabulous Fez and perhaps one in Casablanca. Then on to intoxicating, sensual Marrakech. We will stay in "1001 Nights" splendor touring the *Medina* (old town) and *Souks* (markets). Skiing in the High Atlas Mountains at the *Oukaïmeden* ski resort with pistes from 7,800 to 9,600 feet and the home of "Africa's longest chair lift."

Lodging air, all breakfasts, most dinners, transfers and baggage handling and driver tips are included. Full 16-day, European/African exotic trip is a true bargain at \$2,400-\$2,600 (price in negotiation). A complete package for non-skiers is also available, as is a ground-only package and a single supplement package.

This year, space is extremely limited. To reserve a space, send your check for \$250 per person, payable to Ray McKinley (refundable through July when prices will be firm) and send it to McKinleys, 2326 North Upton Street, Arlington, VA 22207-4045. Please call us for lots more information at (703) 527-7126.



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SEVEN SKI DAYS IN CORTINA



On Saturday, February 28, 2004 we will arrive in Cortina for seven days of skiing with BRSC, staying in a 4-star hotel which will include breakfast and dinner. There will be an orientation party on arrival and on most evenings a wine/cheese get-together. Lift tickets are not included, but last year the Dolomiti Super Ski Pass for 6 days cost \$175 for adults and \$149 for those born before 1942 (this includes all bus transportation between the ski areas.). There will be optional activities while in Cortina for skiers and non skiers. The price for Cortina is approximately \$1600 including insurance, airport taxes, air and bus transportation and gratuities.

An optional add-on to Venice prior to Cortina (Feb. 25-27) is available for approximately \$250. Following skiing in Cortina, there will be another optional add-on to Vienna for 4 nights at the Schoenbrunn Palace Hotel (4 star) with a buffet breakfast included for approximately \$400. The entire trip of 14 days will cost approximately \$2250 with double occupancy. Single supplements as well as firm prices available within a few weeks. Land packages can be worked out on an individual basis. Return to Dulles for those who go to Vienna is on March 10, 2004. Limit of 25 participants. Please send a deposit of \$100.00 which is refundable until August 1 to Glade F. Flake, P.O. Box 60347, Potomac, MD 20859-0347. The assistant trip leader is John Smith

WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS OF PVS—

Kerry Hines

Marianne Hines

David Phillips

New address:

Barbara And Jonathan Wilson
950 Jetton Street #2
Davidson, NC 28036

==== PAST EVENTS ====

IT WAS A MIRACULOUS EVENING...

...that PVS May meeting at the Leonhardts'. **BECAUSE IT DIDN'T RAIN!!** That meant Barbara's incredible food could be spread out on the deck (where people would occasionally raise their eyes from the goodies to enjoy the beautiful view of the lake and woods—without rain! Of course, being at Barbara's home, there was food also in the family room and the dining room and wherever food could be.

People were glad for a chance to chat with Irene and Jack Ragen, up from Prescott, Arizona for a visit, and with Sue Walsh, back from Arizona for the summer, so we should see her at other PVS events.

During the business part of the evening, the election of officers, board members and new members was held—covered elsewhere in TOOT. Reports on upcoming ski trips revealed a great richness available in the coming ski season. A special moment saw a presentation to Lu Beale, who has served the club in many capacities.

Fred Leonhardt was ill, resting on the upper floor. We hope the hilarity of 72 people didn't set him back. And we hope Barbara will continue her fabulous entertaining of PVS!

Game Night.....May 17th (by Marsha Warthen)

Lady Jessma of Blockwick was the hostess' name,
 Twas a night of great laughter and many a game,
 There were words and phrases on that splended May night,
 Quiddler, Phase 10, and Scattegories.... a delight!

The Marx's, the Warthens, and Carolyn and Dave,
 Along with Ruth Powers, all the games they did play.
 Definitions created for words such as these.....
 Conodant, multure and misology.....
 Others included scutum, mnemonics, umbelliferous please!!
 A grand time for all.....we thank Jessma indeed!!



Our PVS President has called for PVS to remember and reclaim the joy and civility and warmth of our history. Perhaps we should remember the pleasures expressed a number of years ago, when PVS had a song contest. Here are the words to two of the entries:

(To the tune of "There Is a Tavern in the Town")
 There is a ski club in this town—PVS!
 And it's the best ski club around—PVS!
 When the mountain slopes are covered with snow,
 PVS with skis prepares to go.
 When the snow away has wended,
 Do not think the fun has ended
 For the club can party many ways, in many ways.
 There's food and drink, and then there's food, yes food,
 And bikes and hikes for a happy mood, happy mood,
 To the best ski club we'll raise hearty cheers,
 PVS should last 100 Years!

(To the tune of "When You Wore a Tulip")
 Oh, what a ski club,
 The PVS Ski Club,
 The group that we all revere.
 When there is skiing,
 The club members flee then
 To the slopes away and near.
 But when there's summer melt,
 Still many joys are felt.
 There's much fun for all, never fear.
 There's hiking and biking—
 Whate'ers to your liking,
 For PVS plays all year!



THE KNEE

by

Ray McKinley

Well, it's all over. The election results are all in, and the White Hats have won. I say that because I was among the winners and I have a white ski hat in the back of my closet somewhere.

On a more serious note, at the recent ExCom meeting, PVS President Reg Heitchue stated that after the election turmoil, his initial goal for the coming year was to "restore civility" to our club. This is a laudable goal. We should all support it wholeheartedly and again be a unified group of friends. On a personal note, it appears PVS has the effective management to make this happen. The Knee actually remembers, in the last Millennium, when attending ExCom meetings was fun.

Even with a great group of ExComers, it's sad to report the formation of another clique. John Brunelli and David Abraham spent a considerable time discussing not skiing, but opera. They were hard to "tune" out—if you get my tenor. Wasn't that sharp? Or did it fall flat?

As to the voting, Jackie Flaherty was unique (as Jackie has a propensity for being). She voted for every one of the candidates. "I like them all."

The fun part of the elections was the meeting at Fred and Barbara Leonhardt's. There were approximately 8 zillion people there! (If I have told you once, I've told you a million times—don't exaggerate.) AnKneeone who was anKneeone was there (and a few who were no ones). PVS's entire 3-person contingent from Arizona, Jack and Irene Ragen and Sue Walsh, flew in for the event.

All right, so Jack and Irene Ragen were also there to attend the graduation of Irene's only granddaughter. "We would have come anKneeway." Irene told me. And so Sue Walsh was also there to open up her Rehoboth Beach house where she plans to stay the summer. It was a grand group! We ate almost everything Barbara Leonhardt had spent the last month cooking. By the way, host Fred was there,

but he had the flu and generously remained in the basement so as to avoid a PVS epidemic.

Not at the meeting was Jack Peoples. He had had knee replacement surgery and was not yet sufficiently mobile. The PVS elections were, *de facto*, an attempt at Knee replacement surgery!

Two of you asked if I could explain a fairly weird pun in last month's Knee. Of course I can...

News item: Denverite, Maryse Deleavaux was almost PVS's latest skier this season. She had planned a trip to Arapaho Basin the second week in May, the ski area's closing week. Sadly, Maryse injured her toe at the last minute and had to pass on skiing and leave behind a 90 inch base...

I just discovered that my name is in IndonKneesia. I hope someone goes there soon!

Half the world away from IndoKneesia, we do have visitors. Janet and Bob Marx are going to South Africa for a five-week visit later this summer. As they say in the jungle, safari, so goody. Ouch!

Nearer to home is PVS's 90-year-old statesman, Gorman Young. After an early spring trip to Puerto Rico with Bill Anderson, Gorman is now halfway through a visit to Provence in France. He is accompanied by his daughter. Right on! And that's even if the Frogs didn't support us in the war! No more French wine.

Applicant PVSers Ivan and Marlene Bekey feel the same way. They had planned to spend several months in Provence this summer (they had no plans for IndoKneesia). Rather, Ivan and Marlene will drive across the good old US of A and then take a cruise to Alaska. *Je concur*.

As you can likely tell, this column is the right Knee—not the left!

Merely 89-year-olds are also about and travelling abroad. PVS's resident *chanteuse*, Mary-Anne Cook is now off visiting friends in Vienna.

En route to MiKneesota, Bob and Jan Marx hit a deer. Oh deer! It wiped out the side of their car. And didn't do much for the deer either—if I can ram that in. They spent the Memorial Day weekend in a small Ohio town—awaiting a garage. They report a great High School Band and Parade!

CALENDAR

- June 17 ... Monthly meeting at the Sharers', pp. 1&2**
- June 18 ... Bicycling Gourmet, Calvert County Riviera, p. 2**
- June 24 ... ExCom at the Leonhardts'**
- Aug. 29 ... Annual Golf Outing at Leisure World, Myron Marquardt and Bob Schafer leading**

Note Correction to Email list: Jessma Blockwick's should read jblockwick@starpower.net

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